



## Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 417**

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 177

*Senate, April 3, 2008*

The Committee on Human Services reported through SEN. HARRIS of the 5th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR RECOMMENDATIONS OF  
THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE  
CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1      Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The Department of Children and  
2      Families shall hire an external consultant to determine the technology  
3      requirements necessary to integrate the information systems for all  
4      bureaus of the department, and to design a system that supports child  
5      welfare practices, data analysis and communication department-wide  
6      and is compatible with other state agency data systems. The external  
7      consultant's responsibilities shall be to: (1) Perform a gap analysis and  
8      workflow analysis with the focus on integrating the functions of the  
9      department with technology modeled to support the service model; (2)  
10     develop a project plan; and (3) develop a request for proposal to  
11     procure the team needed to integrate the data systems and replace the  
12     existing state-wide automated child welfare information system.

13     Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The sum of one million five hundred

14 thousand dollars is appropriated to the Department of Children and  
15 Families, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
16 2009, for Personal Services for an external consultant for purposes of  
17 section 1 of this act.

18 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The sum of two hundred thousand  
19 dollars is appropriated to the Office of the Child Advocate, from the  
20 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, for an upgraded  
21 data management system.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section

**PRI**      *Favorable Subst. C/R*

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**HS**      *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

### **OFA Fiscal Note**

#### **State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 09 \$	FY 10 \$
Children & Families, Dept.	GF - Cost	1,500,000	None
Child Advocate, Off.	GF - Cost	200,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

#### **Explanation**

Passage of this bill will result in an FY 09 cost of \$1.7 million. It appropriates \$1.5 million to the Department of Children and Families for information technology consultant services, and \$200,000 to the Office of the Child Advocate for data management system upgrades. No funding has been included for these purposes within sHB 5021, the FY 09 Revised Appropriations Act, as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee.

#### **The Out Years**

#### **State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 11 \$	FY 12 \$	FY 13 \$
Children & Families, Dept.	GF - Cost	None	None	None
Child Advocate, Off.	GF - Cost	None	None	None

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

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**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 177*****AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR RECOMMENDATIONS OF  
THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE  
CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill appropriates \$1.5 million to the Department of Children and Families (DCF) for FY 09. The department must use the money to hire an external consultant to determine the technology requirements needed to integrate all of the department's information systems and to design a system that supports child welfare practices, data analysis, and communication on a department-wide basis. The new system must be compatible with other state agency data systems.

It also appropriates \$200,000 to the Office of the Child Advocate for FY 09 for an upgraded data management system.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2008

**CONSULTANT RESPONSIBILITIES**

Under the bill, the consultant must:

1. perform gap and workflow analyses that focus on integrating DCF's functions with technology designed to support its service model,
2. develop a project plan, and
3. develop a request for proposal to procure the team needed to integrate the data systems and replace DCF's existing automated child welfare information system.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

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## Program Review and Investigations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 9 Nay 0 (03/06/2008)

## Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/18/2008)